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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 25 September 1969

DD/I related that Bruce Clarke has undertaken a review of Soviet troop strength along the Sino/Soviet border and noted that thirty divisions for Soviet strength continues to be a good number for briefing purposes. He distributed a memorandum on this matter.

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The Director called Godfrey's attention to reports of Gus Hall's conversation with Brezhnev.

D/ONE briefed on questions which Admiral Gaylor may raise this morning during the course of USIB consideration of NIE 11-3.

DD/S&T mentioned that there was a good U-2 flight [REDACTED]

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DD/S&T briefed on the results of their study of the FBI report on Soviet BW/CW [REDACTED]

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DD/P briefed on the ChiCom explanation accounting for the disappearance of the Pachen Lama.

*DDCI noted a cable in from Vientiane reporting on the quantity of enemy military hardware which has fallen into the hands of friendly forces and suggested that a congratulatory cable be sent to COS, Vientiane. The Director concurred and asked the DD/P to draft an appropriate message for him to send.

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The Director noted a cable in from Vientiane (IN 51752) reporting on the interests of New York Times stringer Tim Allman and Time-Life representative Marmon.

The Director noted that the Executive Director will be appearing before the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee possibly tomorrow, and the Executive Director reported on arrangements being made in preparation for these budget hearings.**

Goodwin reported that we have obtained literature from "Let Freedom Ring" entitled Men of CIA. The Director concurred in Goodwin's plans to send it to the Office of Security.

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L. K. White

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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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CIA to Get State's Diplomatic Chores

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The Central Intelligence Agency has quietly (as always) taken over some of the diplomatic spadework formerly handled by the Department of State.

State isn't wild about the change, ordered by the White House, which has been less than impressed with some of the Department's planning in setting up meetings with foreign officials abroad.

Top White House aides who've made trips to visit foreign heads of state to relay private messages from the President have, in some instances, come back boiling mad at the way resident State Department officials set up their briefings with presidents and prime ministers.

In at least one case, a State Department man assigned to pave the way for a high U.S. official almost handed over some classified "eyes only"

briefing papers intended for the American to the foreign dignitary. The documents reportedly included some highly confidential (and unflattering) comments about the nation's leader. The papers were intended as background information for the U.S. officials—not for the foreign official.

In the future, many of the briefing sessions held for U.S. brass prior to meeting top foreign officials will be managed by CIA, especially when sensitive or classified documents are involved.

Meantime, Nixon administration officials are trying to figure out a way to quietly purge several layers of the "diplomatic bureaucracy" at State.

Despite a pep talk to career people at State shortly after his inauguration, officials say the President hasn't lost his basic mistrust of the department where, he believes, direct orders from the White House sometimes get lost in the shuffle.

Miffed: Representatives of five of the six AFL-CIO postal unions who testified on the postal pay bill before the Senate Civil Service Committee were wounded by our writing that they were represented by

a spokesman—James H. Rademacher of the Letter Carriers.

The union men point out that while they all sat at the same table, and supported the same bill, they have not surrendered sovereignty to any one.

Patrick J. Nilan of AFL-CIO's Postal Clerks said that postal employees can never expect pay comparability from any administration that considers budgets over people. Nilan said the average 4.1 per cent postal pay raise in July was a "diluted, compromised and ravished" version of the law that requires agencies to pay salaries equal with industry. He said the raise should have been 16.5 per cent.

Lonnie Johnson of the Mail Handlers said his members (among the lowest paid crafts in the department) are fed up with promises of future pay comparability. He said a 5.4 per cent raise is needed now, and another substantial increase must come next year to put the mailmen on a par with truck drivers, deliverymen and other comparable workers in business.

Which judge do you read? The California Court of Appeal at Sacramento has upheld the firing of more than 100 county employees who went

AWOL several years ago, and were charged with striking. In effect, the court said public employees can't strike unless it's legal.

But last year, the Superior Court for San Diego County ruled that public employees—like private workers—do have the right to strike, and that governments can't legislate against it.

Veterans Administration's alumni club meets for a luncheon Oct. 9 at the Charcoal Hearth. Fred B. Rhodes, deputy administrator, is the speaker.

Minority Group Jobs: Four agencies have awarded substantial cash grants to the independent National Civil Service League to come up with a program to make it easier for minority group members and the disadvantaged to get federal and public jobs, or work under federally sponsored programs such as Model Cities.

The agencies, and their grants are Housing and Urban Development (\$200,000), Office of Economic Opportunity and the Labor Department (\$20,000) each, and the Civil Service Commission, which will give \$20,000 for technical assistance.